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**Enclosed please find:**

1. Transmittal (1 page);
2. Fee Transmittal, in duplicate (6 pages total);
3. Amendment After Allowance (16 pages) and
4. Petition for Suspension of the Rules and Late Entry of Amendment (3 pages).

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL****PATENT****OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

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- ☐ An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.  
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**ATTACHMENTS**

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☐ Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action  
☐ Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)  
☐ Notice of Appeal  
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☐ Fee Transmittal Document (that includes a fee calculation based on the type and number of claims)  
☐ Cross-Reference to Related Application(s)  
☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document  
☒ Other: Amendment after Allowance under 37 CFR 1.312  
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